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Mr. Brad Bradley  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
77 West Jackson Boulevard  
Chicago, IL 60604-3590

**RE: NL Industries/Taracorp Superfund Site; Granite City, Illinois  
Consent Decree  
Voluntary Progress Report 20 (December 2000)**

Dear Mr. Bradley:

As requested by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA"), two copies of this letter are submitted on behalf of the NL Industries/Taracorp Superfund Site Group ("Group") on a voluntary basis to provide EPA with a progress report for activities related to the remediation of the residential lots and remote fill areas, the remediation of the Taracorp pile, the remedial design for groundwater, and operation and maintenance activities that were performed in regard to the NL Industries/Taracorp Superfund Site (the "site") during December 2000.

**1. Actions Taken During Previous Month to Comply with the Consent Decree:**

- On December 5, 2000, the Group's project coordinator issued a voluntary progress report to EPA.
- During December 2000, ARCADIS Geraghty & Miller ("ARCADIS") continued to prepare the Groundwater Monitoring Plan for long-term groundwater monitoring activities at the site. ARCADIS issued the Groundwater Monitoring Plan to EPA on December 29, 2000.

**2. Summary of Data and/or Results of Sampling and Tests Received:**

- Not applicable for this reporting period.



3. **Work Plans, Plans, and Other Deliverables Completed and Submitted to EPA During the Previous Month:**

- As noted above, ARCADIS issued the Groundwater Monitoring Plan to EPA on December 29, 2000.

4. **Actions, Data Collection, and Implementation of Work Plans and Other Information Related to the Progress of Construction which are Scheduled to be Performed During the Next Six-Week Period:**

- Upon receipt of EPA's comments, if any, on the Remedial Action Report for the remediation of residential lots and remote fill areas and the Remedial Action Report for the Taracorp pile and industrial site, the Group and ENTACT will initiate efforts to address the comments and prepare revised reports.
- Upon receipt of EPA's comments, if any, on the Operation and Maintenance Plan for the Taracorp pile and industrial site, the Group and ENTACT will initiate efforts to prepare a revised plan. Based upon discussions with EPA during the November 20, 2000 progress meeting, the Operation and Maintenance Plan will be expanded upon receipt of EPA's comments to include operation and maintenance activities for off-site areas.
- Upon receipt of comments, if any, from EPA on the Groundwater Monitoring Plan, the Group and ARCADIS will initiate efforts to address the comments and prepare a revised plan.
- Upon receipt of EPA's comments, if any, on the Pre-Design Investigation Report for Groundwater, the Group and ARCADIS will initiate efforts to address the comments and prepare a revised report.

5. **Problems Encountered, Anticipated Problems, Actual or Anticipated Delays, and Efforts Developed or Implemented to Mitigate Delays:**

- Not applicable of this reporting period.

6. **Modifications to Work Plans or Schedules Proposed to EPA or Approved by EPA:**

- Not applicable for this reporting period.

7. **Community Relations Activities During Previous Month or to be Undertaken During Next Six-Week Period:**

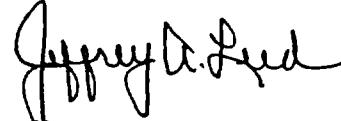
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Should you or your staff have questions or comments regarding this progress report, please contact this office at (610) 670-7310.

Very truly yours,

**LEED ENVIRONMENTAL, INC.**



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